

1831.

THE

SEVENTH REPORT

OF THE

LINCOLN LUNATIC ASYLUM.

SINCE the last Report, several material alterations have taken place in different departments of the Institution, with which it is considered important that the Subscribers in general should be made acquainted.

The number of Physicians has been increased, and a valuable addition made to those gratuitous services, from which the Institution derives such essential advantages.

A new Director has also been elected, in recording whose appointment, the Governors would not do justice either to their own feelings or to his merits, if they did not bear a willing testimony to the zeal

and fidelity, with which he discharges the various duties of his office. A circumstance this, abundantly proving what it is of public importance to know, that there is not anything in the Office of Director of a Lunatic Asylum, for which any gentleman of professional talent, firmness, and good temper, may not be deemed fully qualified. The greatest advantage may be expected from this Office being thrown open to the general competition of the Profession, instead of being confined to a limited and exclusive part of it.

Heretofore it was conceived that the only intention of a receptacle for the Insane, was the safe custody of the unhappy objects, by any means however harsh and severe. These views are now passing away, and the fair measure of a Superintendent's ability in the treatment of such patients, will be found in the small number of restraints which are imposed. The new Director has answered this test in a very satisfactory manner.*

The proper observance of the Lord's day, as far as reading portions of the Holy Scriptures to selected and convalescent Patients and to the attendants, now takes place regularly in this Asylum; and several Ladies who have been present in the Chapel during the time, have expressed a strong sense of the

* As early as the 24th day of November last, there was not any patient in the house, out of 48, under restraint, unless one wearing a collar, which leaves all the limbs quite at liberty, can be so considered. This gratifying occurrence has taken place more than once since that time.

order and regularity with which this service has been performed, and of the attention with which it appears to have been listened to.

In former Reports it was mentioned, that the front and best part of the Male side of the centre House, heretofore used for offices, had been appropriated to the enjoyment of the First rank Patients, who, in the original arrangement, had been consigned to the back of the Building. A similar improvement has been extended during the last year to the Female side of the House, where the First rank Patients have been brought from a Northern aspect to an apartment in front, eminently cheerful and commodious. The whole of the Patients of every rank and both sexes, now enjoy this advantage.

The Governors have also, during the last year, completed arrangements for giving every facility to the use of the Warm-Bath, which may be considered essential as a matter of cleanliness, without reference to the medical benefit to be hoped from its use.

All the sleeping rooms and apartments in the house have likewise been carefully and minutely examined, with a view to the most perfect ventilation: under a conviction that a close atmosphere is peculiarly pernicious to the Insane. This caution is the more requisite, where a building is heated by flues, which are supposed by some to be used upon a questionable principle.

It has been thought expedient that the Friends of the Patients should be informed of the circumstances, under which their Visits to the Asylum may be proper. The following memorandum, founded on an extract from the Physicians' Journal, places this matter in a clear light, and is subjoined to the Medical Report sent quarterly to the friends of the Patients with their accounts:—

“ The means of cure in Insanity very mainly
 “ depend on the removal of the Patient to a
 “ totally new scene, and from known persons
 “ and known objects, with quiet exercise in the
 “ open air in mild weather, regular habits, and
 „ strict attention to the general health.

“ On the other hand, the occasional visit of a
 “ person to whom the patient has been much
 “ attached, has been found (notwithstanding
 “ some instances to the contrary) to produce a
 “ striking good effect, where no peculiar Delu-
 “ sion of the Patient is connected with the party
 “ visiting. Such Visits, about once or twice in
 “ a quarter, are therefore encouraged. In all
 “ visits of friends, they should be cautious not to
 “ stay too long, after their presence has ceased
 “ to awaken the interest and attention of the
 “ Patient. The friends should listen to the
 “ Patient rather [than address him, and never
 “ converse on the subject of the Delusion.

“ Patients often take some ungrounded pre-
 “ judice against their best friends, who should
 “ in such case see them without been seen.

“ When the friends bring any article for a Pa-
 “ tient, the Physician or Director must be pre-
 “ viously consulted as to its propriety.”

It is with the greatest satisfaction that, in concluding their Report, the Governors have it in their power to announce, that the prosperous state of the funds of the Asylum has allowed them to reduce the rate of payment of the Third rank Female Patients, one shilling per week. They anxiously hope the time may not be far distant, when the increasing interest of the Public in its success and their continued support, combined with the natural effects of those sound principles and that economy and watchfulness, which pervade every part of the Establishment, may render still further reduction of the rates practicable, and thus extend the benefits of an Institution at once so honorable and so valuable to the County.

GEORGE GORDON, CHAIRMAN.

MARCH, 28TH, 1831.

O F F I C E R S
OF THE
LINCOLN LUNATIC ASYLUM.

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The Right Honorable LORD VISCOUNT GODERICH.

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LEGACIES.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Coltman, Thomas Esq. Hagnaby	449	8	3	Savage, Mr. Pool, Lincoln, by			
Maltby, William, Esq. Coates, by				Mr. Joseph Moore.....	90	0	0
Mr. Skill, Stow.....	450	0	0	Shaw, Thomas Burton, Esq.....	450	0	0
Oxspring, Mr. John, Lincoln, by				Simpson, Mr.Ingleby	10	0	0
Mr. J. Bedford, S. Leverton	450	0	0	Williams, Mrs.Lincoln	10	0	0
Parnell, Mr. Paul, (conditional)	100	0	0				

 Any person paying a Legacy, or sum for an unknown Benefactor, is entitled to the Privileges of a contributor of such sum.

FORM FOR LEGACIES.

Persons disposed to contribute to this Asylum by their last Will, are particularly desired to use the following words :

I give and bequeath unto the Treasurer of a Society, who call themselves GOVERNORS of the LINCOLN LUNATIC ASYLUM, the Legacy or sum of which sum I charye on such part of my personal estate as does not consist of Chattels real, and direct to be paid by my Executors, within months next after my decease, and applied to the charitable uses of the said Asylum, for which, on payment, the Treasurer's Receipt shall be a sufficient discharge.

For want of this Form many charities have lost their Legacies, the Testators having charged them on their *real* instead of their *personal* Estate.

A WEEKLY BOARD is held at the Asylum every Monday at One o'Clock,

The QUARTERLY BOARDS are held on the Second Wednesday in January, April, July, and October, at Twelve o'Clock.

ABSTRACT of the ACCOUNTS,

From the 1st. January, 1830, to the 31st. December, 1830.

PAYMENTS.

	£.	s.	d.
Outstanding Bills paid	277	0	11
Salaries and Wages	352	6	10½
Diet	651	15	7
Coals, Candles, Soap, Straw, &c	135	19	11
Patients' Clothing	104	0	7
Stationery, Printing, &c	39	3	6
Furniture, Linen, &c	40	4	0½
Alterations and Repairs of Fabric	87	1	0½
Insurance in the County Fire Office on £ 3000	12	0	0
Casual expenses	46	5	9
Deposits returned to Patients removed	115	3	0
In the hands of the Director and Matron	30	0	0
Balance	638	1	8
	£ 2529	2	10½

RECEIPTS.

	£.	s.	d.
Balance brought forward from December 31st. 1829	70	9	0
From the hands of the late Director	20	0	0
From Patients, including arrears paid up, and Deposits paid in advance	1549	11	2½
Benefactions	240	0	0
Subscriptions	621	0	0
Dividends on Stock	8	0	0
Charity Box	3	1	6
Grains and Swill	9	16	4
Yeast	1	19	10
Expenses returned by the present Director	5	5	0
	£ 2529	2	10½

GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS.

	£.	s.	d.
Arrear due from a Patient	0	7	10
Arrear of Subscriptions	3	3	0
Stock in the new 4 per cents	200	0	0
Cash in the hands of the Director	20	0	0
Matron	10	0	0
Balance in the hands of the Secretary	14	3	10
in the Lincoln Bank	623	17	10
	£ 871	12	6
Deposits in hand from Patients	114	4	8½
	757	7	9½

PARTICULARS of the PAYMENTS,
From the 1st. January 1830 to the 31st. December 1830.

	£. s. d.	£. s. d.		£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Outstanding Bills paid :—			Candles.....	336 lbs.	8 12 0
Alterations and Repairs			Coals and leading, 100 ch.		80 11 0
of Fabric	133 0 11		Firewood.....		4 12 6
New Buildings.....	144 0 0		Mops, Brooms, Brushes		5 2 5
		277 0 11	Oil for Lamps.....		1 0 0
			Soap.....	560 lbs.	15 10 4
Salaries and Wages :—			Starch, Blue.....		1 1 5
Director	139 10 0		Straw		8 12 9
Matron.....	45 0 0		Sundries		10 17 6 - 135 19 11
Secretary.....	26 0 0		Patients' Clothing.....		104 0 7
4 Male Attendants	78 15 9½		Advertisements		16 18 7
2 Female Attendants...	21 1 9½		Printing.....		12 4 0
3 Ditto House Servants	31 8 4		Stationery, Postage....		6 11 2
Hired Washerwoman...	5 10 6		Newspapers, Books....		1 16 2
Brewer, (20 brewings,			Medicine, Apparatus...		1 6 7
3½ Hhds. each).....	6 0 0	352 6 10½	Escape of a Patient.....		0 7 0 - 39 3 6
			Cooperage.....		2 1 10
Bread.....	21,684 lbs.	153 1 4	Furniture		0 18 6
Butter.....	524 lbs.	24 3 8	House Linen, Woollens,		21 8 11½
Cheese.....	735½ lbs.	16 0 4½	Ironmongery, Braziers..		15 14 9 - 40 4 0½
Coffee.....	21 lbs.	2 2 0	Alterations and Repairs		
Eggs.....		1 13 1	of Fabric.....		87 1 0½
Fish.....		0 6 7	Fire Insurance.....		12 0 0
Flour.....	80 st.	10 10 8	Shrubs valued to the late		
Hops.....	170 lbs.	10 6 10	Director		30 10 9
Malt.....	167½ str.	62 12 1	Towards the expenses of		
Meat.....	10,195 lbs.	208 10 8	3 Candidates, on the		
Milk.....		59 2 7	re-election of the late		
Oatmeal.....	94 pks.	6 10 6	Director		15 15 0 - 46 5 9
Potatoes.....	870 pks.	20 9 0	Deposits returned		115 3 0
Poultry.....		0 8 3	In hands of the Director		20 0 0
Raisins, Currants.....		0 4 6	Matron		10 0 0 - 30 0 0
Rice.....	686 lbs.	12 14 10½	In hands of the Secretary		14 3 10
Salt, Pepper, Mustard...		1 17 6	In the Lincoln Bank....		623 17 10 - 638 1 8
Sugar.....	970 lbs.	26 8 8			
Tea.....	102 lbs.	30 4 0			
Vegetables.....		4 8 5 - 651 15 7			

NUMBER OF PERSONS MAINTAINED,

From the 1st. January, 1830, to the 31st. December, 1830.

	Patients.	Household.	Patients & Household.
Average number per Day.....	49	11	60
Total Maintenances per Year....	18,128	3,958	22,086

CHARGE to PATIENTS for ATTENDANCE, BOARD, and LODGING, for 1830 — £ 1323 8 2

SUMS RECEIVED from PATIENTS for ATTENDANCE, BOARD, and LODGING,
From the Opening of the Institution in March, 1820, to December 31st. 1830.

1st Rank,	1 Patient at	2 12 6	per week,	6 7 6		
	2	2 2 0		43 10 0		156 7 7
	2	1 11 6		59 3 6		
	2	1 5 0		47 6 7		
	25	1 1 0		1401 13 0		1401 13 0
2nd Rank,	46	0 15 0		1316 15 2		1316 15 2
3rd Rank,	23	0 12 0		406 2 7		
	162	0 10 0		4838 3 11		
	95	0 9 0		1823 16 3½		7068 2 9½
						£ 9942 18 6½

*Occasional variations in the rates of payment by some of the Patients, and occasional re-admissions, will account for the number of Patients appearing in the above statement.
The number of Patients received, independent of re-admissions, has been 301.*

PATIENTS ADMITTED AND DISCHARGED,

From 1st January, 1830, to 31st December, 1830, inclusive.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Remaining January 1, 1830.....	36	13	49
Admitted in 1830.....	19	14	33
Re-admitted in 1830.....	6	4	10
Discharged in 1830.....	33	18	51
Remained January 1, 1831.....	28	13	41

PATIENTS ADMITTED AND DISCHARGED.

From 26th April, 1820, to 31st December, 1830.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Admitted.....	178	123	301
Re-admitted	23	16	39
Discharged	173	126	299
Remained January 1, 1831	28	13	41

DISCHARGED FROM THE BOOKS.

1830.

		Total.
Recovered	28	125
Improved	4	42
On Trial	1	29
Removed during treatment	9	54
Improper object	0	1
By order of the Board	0	1
Escaped	1	1
Died	† 8	* 46

† Epilepsy—1
 Gradual Exhaustion—6
 Paralysis—1

*Apoplexy	3	Fever	1	Maniacal exhaustion....	2
Catalepsy.....	1	Found dead in bed	1	Old age.....	3
Dropsy	6	Gradual exhaustion	14	Paralysis.....	1
Dying when admitted ..	4	Inflammation of the brain	1	Psoas abscess.....	1
Epilepsy.....	5	Locked jaw	1	Suicide	2